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Sir.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and in response to the Office Communications mailed September 20, 2004 and December 23, 2004, the following Amendments to the Specification and Abstract sections of Applicant's Response Amendment dated June 21, 2004, are submitted for your consideration. This Amendment is timely because it is being filed with a petition for a three month extension of time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6.

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